

BELMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

March 7, 2007
Meeting Minutes
Belmont Town Hall

Attending: Co-Chair Richard Cheek, Paul Bell, Lisa Harrington, Peter Gunness, Michael Smith

Absent: Linn Hobbs, Arleyn Levee, Richard Pichette, Lydia Ogilby, Nancy Richards

1. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

Various town committees including the BHDC have been asked to nominate members to serve on the Committee. Lisa Harrington and Peter Gunness volunteered to serve on the committee, if it were possible for two members to share the appointment.

2. ALTERATIONS AT 5 SOMERSET STREET

Tom Saltsman, an architect/builder, presented a preliminary proposal for alterations to 5 Somerset Street, which has recently been acquired by new owners. After a discussion of the appropriateness of the changes and an exchange of suggestions for alternative solutions, Mr. Saltsman stated that he was eager to preserve the character of the building and would submit a revised set of plans for a Certificate of Appropriateness at the HDC's next meeting.

3. PRESERVATION RESTRICTION FOR THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION

The Preservation Restriction required by the Land Development Agreement for the Central Fire Station property has not yet been signed. The developer must first attach a scope of work and then sign the Restriction before he can present plans for approval by the HDC. Approval by the HDC is required before a building permit can be issued.

4. PRESERVATION OF OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH AND ITS RECTORY

The Oakley Neighborhood Association is actively engaged with the Town Planner and the Planning Board on this project. A 40R overlay plan is being considered which would allow a total of up to 18 housing units of various types on the overall property and would preserve the Church and the Rectory by allowing them to be rehabilitated for residential use.

5. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7TH MEETING WERE RECEIVED AND APPROVED.

Minutes recorded by Peter Gunness